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SUBJ: GOG DESIRE TO PURCHASE DC-8 IN U.S.

REF: LIBREVILLE 0752; LIBREVILLE 0931

1. INFORMATION RECENTLY MADE AVAILABLE TO EMBASSY SUBSTANTIATES OUR PREVIOUSLY EXPRESSED FEARS THAT THE CONTINUING UNRESOLVED PROBLEM OF DC-8 SALE TO GABON WOULD ADVERSELY AFFECT ONGOING COMMERCIAL DEALINGS OF CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE TO U.S. FIRMS.

2. TAMS, GE, PANAM PROPOSALS HAVE ALL RECENTLY HIT SNAGS WHICH ARE APPARENTLY LINKED TO SOME EXTENT TO DC-8 PROBLEM. TAMS DIRECTOR HEINS WAS TOLD OUTRIGHT BY OCTRA DIRECTOR MASSON THAT GENERAL ATMOSPHERE EMANATING FROM PRESIDENT BONGO'S OFFICE ARISING FROM PROBLEM WAS MAKING IT DIFFICULT TO COMPLETE TAMS ENGINEERING CONTRACT FOR TRANSGABON RAILROAD. HEINS LEFT LIBREVILLE WITH FINAL AGREEMENT UNSIGNED AND WITH CRUCIAL LETTER GRANTING U.S. EXPATRIATES TAX RELIEF STILL AWAITING BONGO'S APPROVAL (LIBREVILLE 0931).

3. REDSO BERGIER DURING MULTINATIONAL REVIEW COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS MEETINGS FOR RAILROAD BIDDING WAS TOLD BY MASSON THAT SOONER DC-8 PROBLEM SORTED
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OUT THE BETTER FOR EVERYONE INCLUDING MASSON WHO

SEEMS FAVOR GE LOCOMOTIVES. TECHNICAL LEVEL OCTRA
ENGINEERS WHO ARE IMPRESSED WITH GE FOLLOW UP ON BID
HAVE SAID SAME THING.

4. MINISTER MINES MBOUY-BOUTZIT IN DISCUSSION WITH
EMBOFF STRONGLY IMPLIED THAT GOG PULL BACK FROM PREVIOUS
INTEREST IN PANAM OFFER TO MANAGE AND SUPPLY PLANES
FOR AIR GABON INTERNATIONAL RELATED TO DC-8 PROBLEM.
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